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THOUGHT FOR TODAY — The taxation which is intended to promote equality, the taxation which exceeds the real public need, and, above all, the tax which is so graduated as to prevent the accumulation of private capital, is inconsistent with freedom.—C. Northcote Parkinson.

The Law and the Sabbath

The Torrance city council this week, over the protests of two of its six members present, voted to give serious consideration to an appeal that it order the closing of all barber shops in the city on Sunday for "health" reasons.

It was contended before the council by petitioning barbers who were bringing their battle against Sunday shops to the city, that the state had no inspectors in the field on Sunday, therefore the citizens are endangered by the uninspected shops.

After refusing to table the request for an ordinance outlawing operation of barber shops on Sunday, the council majority asked for a legal opinion on the constitutionality of such an ordinance, and a determination of the health hazards.

While we don't propose to have an answer on either of these matters, we do think the first question is of no importance, and the second one is for the state inspectors to be concerned with — not the city. If specific health hazards are known, or strongly suspected, the state should be notified.

The HERALD doubts that point at issue is health, however. The point is the majority of the 5-day barber shop operators are trying to even up the competition a little by forcing the Sunday closing of the other barbers.

If the council assumes the power to close down all barber shops on Sunday, through the same reasoning —health—it could close down all restaurants, cafes, dairies, and any other business or profession subject to health inspection.

The fact that neighboring cities have adopted such ordinances at the insistence of some barbers is not sufficient reason to bring about adoption of such an ordinance here.

A quiet Sabbath is enjoyed by many, and might be nice if enjoyed by all—but it is not within the province of the city council to establish it by decree. Several other cities and states have tried and failed, and for the city council to try, by reaching out for the "health" issue, is an assumption of authority which it should not have over the private lives of its citizens.

Opinions of Others

"Senator, are you certain that you are quite ready for the country or that the country is ready for you in the role of President in January, 1961? I am greatly concerned and troubled about the situation we are up against in the world now and in the immediate future. That is why I would hope that someone with the greatest possible maturity and experience would be available at this time." Harry Truman, quoted in New York Herald Tribune, July 3, 1960.

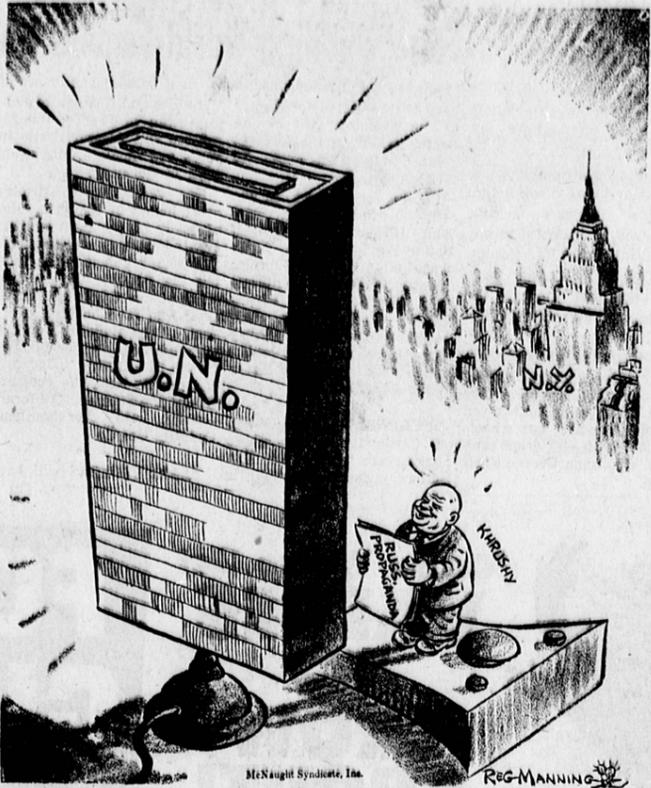
CANTON, GA., TRIBUNE: "American tourists who go abroad and sneer at local custom or deride conditions that do not compare favorably with those in the United States may lose this country much of the goodwill that it is winning through its programs of assistance . . . big shots who think themselves superior to everybody else and therefore entitled to preferential treatment everywhere. These objectionable individuals make difficulties for well-mannered and courteous travelers and reflect upon the community of their origin."

TOPEKA, KANS., INDEPENDENT: "J. Edgar Hoover, whose experiences with law enforcement and with criminals in every category, rates him as top man in the nation in that capacity—and also perhaps as top man in the Universe, says that the United States should go slow in frowning on capital punishment. There are elements in every nation that demand supreme sternness and the crimes that demand capital punishment is one."

THE BIG QUESTION



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From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

Editor, Torrance Herald,
A vote for the future of all of our children is involved in the Oct. 11 election.

Fifty thousand of Torrance's 100,000 people are in two categories. They are either under 10 years of age or in their 30s. The latest Federal census accounts for half the population of Torrance with 21,000 adults 30 and 39 and 29,000 children 9 years old or younger.

This dramatic population distribution explains not only today's school financing problem but gives plenty to think about in the future.

This is a problem the board can't do much about. The kids are here, and more are coming, and your board of education is entrusted with the responsibility of financing their education. Our only source of funds is the voters' privilege to provide or deny.

Since we have been operating schools at \$50 per pupil below the county average for unified districts for the past 10 years, we believe we deserve your support Oct. 11.

J. G. ARNOLD
Past President
Board of Education

Editor, Torrance Herald

Due to my sudden move, I have been delayed in writing to tell you how much I appreciate the support you gave the Torrance Chamber of Commerce during the year I was honored to have served as president.

This was one of the most gratifying years of my life and I shall always treasure my memories of it. Foremost among them will be the many courtesies I received from you.

Thanking you again for making 1959-60 a year I'll never forget and hoping that even though the miles now separate us, we can continue our friendship, I remain,

J. H. PAGET
San Diego

Law in Action

Fixed Fixtures

When is a fixture fixed? In short, who owns it? As a rule, unless you have a contract to the contrary, your improvements of some one else's property belong to him. You can't take them, especially where to do so would damage his property.

A tenant or a buyer who improves the owner's place may lose the improvements if they become part of the property: They become fixed; they are "fixtures." So a heavy pump anchored in concrete or a furnace becomes a fixture; but not an easily removable wall bed, gas range, or refrigerator.

In one case, House Buyer Jones claimed that an organ with pipes in the walls belonged to him. But the court said no: Anyone could easily remove the partitions and the pipes. Unlike a heating system, the organ was installed so that anyone could see that no one meant to fasten it.

This rule about fixtures may be hard on a person who innocently fastens and cannot take what he thought was his personal things from a house or store.

So the Legislature in 1953 passed a law to stop some of the unfairness: Any person who in good faith mistakenly improves another's property can remove the improvement if he pays for any damages he may cause in doing so.

He would also need the



"Three-fourths of the earth's surface is water and one-fourth is land. It's clear the Good Lord intended a man should spend three times as much time fishing as he does mowing the lawn." — Wayne Goble.

"The average husband is concerned about what the government spends and what his wife spends—the difference being that he's not afraid to criticize the government." — Earl Wilson.

"American students wait until they graduate before taking over the world. Students in other countries are demanding it in their freshman year." — Bill Vaughan.

"To make government 'our brother's keeper' is to make it eventually everybody's jailer." — Edward W. Greenfield.

"If a growing object is both fresh and spoiled at the same time, the chances are it is a child." — Morris Goldfischer.

Feds Can Pass Debts On To Future, State Can't

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL
Assemblyman, 46th District
For about 30 years, the United States government has relied upon deficit financing, which is obvious from the fact that we have had a large national debt which is continued from year to year whether Republicans or Democrats have been in power.

This means that the United States does not pay as it goes, but shoves the debt of one generation on down to the next generation. Fortunately, this gigantic fiscal bubble has not burst, but it is not a healthy situation.

On the contrary, the State of California and other states of the Union cannot use deficit financing. Unlike the federal government, the States cannot print cheap paper dollars but must raise their own money to pay their bills. In State financing we must pay for what we get and pay now.

The only exception is the issuance of bonds, such as those which must be issued if the California Water Plan is enacted by the voters at the coming November election.

The people of California increasingly look to the State to perform new services for them, many of which were formerly carried out by city and county governments. These new services mean larger State expenditures. Since California cannot resort to deficit financing, the question always arises: "Where is the money coming from to perform these new services?"

The California State Legislature has direct budgetary control over somewhat less than 33 per cent of the total State expenditures. Slightly more than 67 per cent of the total State expenditures are

made through ear-marked funds. Some of these are the result of amendments to the California State Constitution, voted into the Constitution as "propositions" on the ballot. Other ear-marked funds were created by the Legislature in years gone by as a result of the demand of the people.

From the practical viewpoint the people's money should be spent by the people's elected representatives, which means the Legislature. Under the present situation in California, with more than 67 per cent of the State ear-marked for special purposes, the Legislature does not have enough budget flexibility to adequately meet the new problems which are constantly arising.

Highway-user taxes, which include the taxes on gasoline, diesel fuel, and other items, cannot be touched by the Legislature. This gives the State Division of Highways and the State Highway Commission an automatic appropriation. It is a result of a cry raised years ago that we should take the highways out of politics.

In some ways, this is good, but in the case of the San Diego Freeway, neither State Senator Richard Richards nor I can tell the State Division of Highways or the State Highway Commission what to do with their money. We were both members of the Joint Committee on Transportation Problems which set up the Master Plan for Freeways and Highways, now a law, but we cannot control the detailed routing of freeways and highways or the allocation of money.

Funds for education and social welfare are fixed appropriations on a continuing basis, but correctional and

mental institutions do not enjoy a preferred position, hence they must compete each year with all other State departments and agencies which do not have ear-marked funds.

The logical remedy is not to establish ear-marked funds for correctional and mental institutions, but to place all appropriations in the control of the Legislature. This requires amending the Constitution and repealing some old laws.

I admit the importance of education, social welfare, and highways, but at the same time I admit the importance of other branches of California State government.

In theory, the schools might have enough money from their ear-marked funds and social welfare might need more, but under existing conditions the State Highway Commission and the State Division of Highways could build a 10-lane highway connecting every city, town and village of the State while education, social welfare, mental institutions and prisons were neglected.

I have maintained the above opinions during the past 10 years that I have represented the 46th Assembly District in the Legislature, but it is not a partisan view. Senator James P. McBride, California State Senator from Ventura County, agrees with me. In the June, 1960 issue of "Tax Digest," he not only agrees with me but goes even further. Since he is an outstanding Democrat and Chairman of the Senate Fact Finding Committee on Revenue and Taxation, it is apparent that both Republicans and Democrats can work together in the California Legislature to protect the people against increased taxes and inflation.

Latest Parkinson's Law In Effect in California

By JAMES DORAIS
C. Northcote Parkinson, the British professor who gave the world Parkinson's Law on bureaucracy (to the effect that the less work there is to do, the more people will be employed to do it) has promulgated a second Parkinson's Law in his recent book, "The Law and the Profits."

The new law concerns government spending, and it reads: "Expenditure rises to meet income."

What Professor Parkinson demonstrates in his witty book is that all through history governments have sought to increase their revenues and as they have succeeded in doing so have quickly found new ways to spend the increase. This process goes on until the unfortunate country goes broke and is overrun by an intruder.

Seldom indeed does a government refund a surplus, when it has it, to the taxpayers.

Parkinson's second law is firmly in effect today in California. Over the protests of economy-minded legislators, income tax rates were sharply increased last year, and a cigarette tax and other new business taxes were instituted. As a result, the state wound up with a surplus of

approximately \$130 million at the end of the fiscal year. But, although various proposals have been advanced for tax reduction, including elimination of the sales tax on medicines, they have been firmly repulsed by the State Administration.

California is not alone, however, in proving the inevitability of Parkinson's second law. Quite a number of states licked their money troubles last year by jacking up tax rates or enacting new taxes, and several have rung up impressive surpluses as a result. —But in only one state—New York—is there a prospect of a tax rebate. Governments in all the rest of the states are happily casting about for ways to spend away the excess funds.

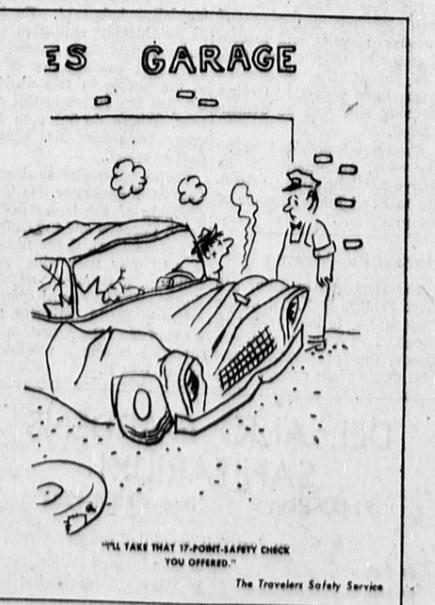
Iowa, for example, has a comfortable surplus of \$63 million. Louisiana, North Carolina and Colorado all succeeded in accumulating surpluses this year. Georgia — one of the so-called "poor"

Southern states that allegedly needs Federal aid for its schools—already had a surplus of \$30 million, and increased it to nearly \$51 million.

Ohio wiped out a deficit and achieved a 16 million surplus, but probably not for long; its governor Michael DiSalle, says: "Ohio's expenditures can move only in one direction — up."

There's a worry ahead, however, for all the happy Governors: in most cases, their increased revenues have come about through sales tax collections. Should control of Federal policy be captured by the braintrusts of the "New Frontier," who hold the public sector of the economy should be increased (by Federal tax collections) at the expense of the private sector (by reducing the amount of money individuals have to spend on goods), their surpluses will be wiped out even without the workings of Parkinson's Law.

The Dishonor Roll by Jerry Marcus



Motor vehicle accidents killed 37,600 and injured 2,870,000 persons in 1959.

STAR GAZER			
By CLAY R. POLLAN			
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars			
To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.			
Aries 23	1 Don't	31 Go	61 Presently
Apr. 20	2 Today	32 Drastic	62 Income
20-23-30	3	33 Money	63
41-56-61	4 Strike	34 The	64 Be
MAY 21	5 Bright	35 Revisions	65 Revealing
30-39-42-49	6 While	36 The	66 Materialize
60-78-81-88	7 Allow	37 Iron	67 You
JUNE 22	8 Light	38 Who	68 Matters
MAY 22	9 Reveals	39 Attractive	69 Friends
10 Discussions	10	40 Or	70 Expect
11 Frivolous	11	41 Will	71 To
12 Nothing	12	42 And	72 Of
13 Factors	13	43 With	73 Prying
14 Opportunity	14	44 In	74 Dairiable
15 Can	15	45 Concerning	75 Ride
16 Good	16	46 Sizzling	76 Private
17 Come	17	47 Seem	77 Matters
18-22-28-45	18 To	48 Slowly	78 Opposite
31-67-70	19 See	49 Appealing	79 Or
JULY 23	20 Worried	50 Can	80 Inquisitive
1	21 Those	51 What	81 Sen
AUG. 23	22 Tidings	52 Excessive	82 People
1-7-10-45	23 Shines	53 Required	83 Cause
69-71-83-92	24 Redline	54 Big	84 Or
25 About	25	55 Hope	85 Financial
26 Some	26	56 Change	86 Today
27 On	27	57 Hot	87 Intolerance
28 Come	28	58 And	88 Assurance
29 Some	29	59 In	89 Secrets
30 You're	30	60 To	90 Arguments
31-48-59-65	Good	Adverse	Neutral
76-77-84-89			